

BCfm Ramadan broadcasts unite the faiths

BCfm is living out its mission of celebrating all the cultures and communities in our city, writes 'Face to Faith' presenter **Tom Bigwood**.

As the Muslim community look forward to Eid – the feast concluding the holy month of Ramadan – Bristol Catholics presented a special message from the Vatican to their Muslim neighbours. Father Robert King, Clifton Diocese Inter-faith Officer and a regular contributor to the 'Face to Faith' programme, delivered the Vatican greeting to Zahir Malik, Managing Producer of BCfm's Radio Ramadan. Radio Ramadan has been broadcasting alongside the station's regular schedule during the holy month.

"It was wonderful to receive the Vatican's greeting from Father Robert King" said Zahir. "It's fitting that the presentation took place at BCfm's studios as the station is a place where many communities meet and create fascinating radio for our city. It's clear, as with all communities in Bristol, that there is far more that unites us than divides us." *(continued on page 2)*



Zahir Malik (left) receives a message of goodwill from Father Robert King on behalf of Bristol's Roman Catholic community. Read more about this and the BCfm Ramadan broadcasts on page 2.

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Another couple of busy and ever changing months for BCfm this month and next.

Once again, a big 'well done' to Zahir and his ever increasing team of BCfm Radio Ramadan broadcasters. Several have stayed on the station to continue with the superb broadcasting, and we welcome them all.

The new schedule kicked in this month and welcomes many new shows – make sure you keep an eye on the website and this newsletter to get all the up to date info.

This is a really crucial time for BCfm; we are trying to step up a gear as far as the output is concerned. We need to keep the professionalism we have built up over the last two and a half years and now be an even bigger force to ensure we are offering Bristol the right type of community-led broadcasting and be an accessible voice.

We need to keep true to our key commitments with Ofcom and make sure we stay Bristol-focused and offer broadcasting to all communities. It's unfortunate that Bristol City Council find it hard to support us financially, but that's just a

minor irritation. We are proving that BCfm is truly an all encompassing radio project that has social cohesion, training and accessibility at its heart!

Well done to the many hundreds of people who make BCfm what it is.

Your Voice, Your choice.

**Phil Gibbons,
 Station
 Manager**





Radio Ramadan wins global audience

Radio Ramadan has been hailed a success as the month of programmes – the most comprehensive yet on the station - brought communities together and attracted a national and international audience.

Ramadan occurs on the ninth month of the Islamic calendar when Muslims worldwide commemorate the moment when the Qur'an was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. It is a month of fasting and time for reflection.

Feedback to the shows has been "astronomical" according to Zahir Malik. "We needed a change to our Ramadan broadcasting," he said. "This year we've had good advance publicity, trained our new presenters and prepared for the shows. Up to 35 presenters were involved in the broadcasts, and we were also helped by The Council of Bristol Mosques and sponsorship from 30 different businesses."

The broadcasts have been successful in drawing together Bristol's Sunni and Shia communities for the first time as well as other local Muslim groups of different

nationalities who may not have otherwise met. Zahir and colleagues also made a point of connecting with other BCfm faith programmes such as 'Let the Bible Speak' to prove that the religions had much in common.

The programmes have also won BCfm a wider UK - and overseas - audience. The various programmes drew online listeners from London, the Midlands and the North West, and messages of goodwill came from as far afield as Malaysia where friends and families listened to their relatives – in many cases students based in Bristol - appearing on the shows.

Although the programming has now concluded Zahir believes that it will have a positive legacy. "The Asian community now has a voice and many presenters will want to continue their involvement with BCfm. Ultimately, our ethos has been to educate and entertain."

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Father Robert King visited the BCfm studios during Ramadan. "BCfm isn't just a community radio station but a celebration of the many communities that make up our city," he said.

"As Ramadan comes to an end, it was particularly fitting to present the annual greeting from the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue to Zahir Malik who has produced an innovative and eclectic series of programmes for Ramadan. The greeting, addressed to Muslims throughout the world, highlights the good work between Islam and Christianity in overcoming poverty. In Bristol we have much to celebrate as we recognise and face together the ongoing challenges in our city."

BCfm's Station Manager Phil Gibbons said: "This is another example of what BCfm is all about – giving Bristol people the opportunity of building community."



Christian Music show returns

The Christian Music programme has recently returned to Sundays on BCfm, hosted by Nick Tarleton.

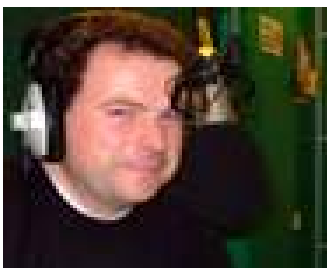
The show returns with lots of interviews and reports from the summer festivals. Tune in for interviews with up and coming bands such as Narrowpath, (crave) and the New Direction Crew and more established acts such

as LZ7 and Shell.

We are also planning to have a few more local acts in the studio such as Edi Johnston, Antony Silcock (ex-Psalms) and Charlie Groves. Amongst exciting plans for the coming months are a semi-regular album reviewer in the studio and of course music that covers a wide range of styles from

Hip-Hop, Rock and Gospel to more mellow tunes and occasionally a bit of folk.

If you're still unsure about Christian music but have an open mind then tune in on Sundays at 9pm.



You can hear Nick Tarleton each Sunday at 9pm.

Three Geese fly into BCfm

Three Geese is a fantastic show full of fun, inspiration, tips, music and great interviews from global legends such as Candi Staton, rising stars such as VV Brown, to local community heroines and heroes. If they inspire 3Geese, they will bring them to you so you can be inspired too!

3Geese are Jo Bailey, Alivia Rose and Chrissie Lloyd, and their aim is to inspire and support as well as entertain and have fun.

They chose 3Geese as their company name as wild geese, when in formation, will naturally support each other and take it in turns to lead - they feel this symbolises their collaboration together and how they wish to work with others.

On the show they feature interviews from inspirational and successful men and women, and discuss topics and issues they think are important, such as why women of a certain age tend to disappear from the media. They also send out challenges in their famous 3Geese Grapevine, play great music and of course, have a bit of fun!

Regular features include;

Jo's Journey, where she talks about her inner and outer adventures and gives great tips and advice on looking after yourself and others,

Alivia-in-Depth, where highly experienced coach and therapist Alivia talks about what is on her mind that week, in order to help you through the highs and lows of life;

Chrissie's Crusade, where you can find their what is happening in Bristol in the way of eco and community events and news, and hear some inspiring stories about peoples lives around the world.

This is addition to the 3Geese Grapevine and the Women Stories section where they hear from you about what has happened in your life to test, challenge and ultimately strengthen you. Come on in and inspire them and their listeners!

They also look after the guys with great interviews from people such as the world famous record-breaking balloonist and adventurer David

Hempleman-Adams; entrepreneur, F1 designer and world record holder Adrian Reynard and international DJ Jesse Rose, so no need to feel left out! They support young musicians and local artists too, and interviewed Bristol's favourite folk singer Katey Brooks on September 30th.

Follow the Geese!

Three Geese can be heard 3pm - 4pm Wednesdays

Hear their podcasts so you can catch up with the great interviews, tips and inspirations if you missed them the first time around.

Don't forget to email them at 3geese@bcfm.org.uk to let them know what you think.

Find out more on 3Geese, including biographies and their innovative workshops via their website: www.3geese.co.uk

Daily inspiration from all three is available on: www.twitter.com/3geese



Gok Wan: Soon to appear in HJarvey Nics?

Special guests and celebrity challenges!

Three Geese have already attracted big names onto the programme.

Local Women's skydiving champion **Holly Budge**, spoke about what it was like to freefall in front of Mount Everest.

The one and only **Su Pol-lard**, best known for her role in the TV comedy Hi-de-Hi,

caught up with BCfm whilst starring in the musical Annie at the Bristol Hippodrome.

England Women's Cricket captain, **Charlotte Edwards**, was interviewed just after they won the Women's Ashes.

Much-loved local broadcaster, newsreader and author **Polly Lloyd** also

featured on the show.

The team have also launched their famous Gok challenge where they invited Gok Wan (pictured left) to strip naked in a Bristol department store!

They've got Harvey Nichols to agree to be the venue so watch this space...



You can hear the cream of Bristol's new music with Steve and co every Tuesday, 12-2pm

BCfm's new musical express

BCfm is committed to showcasing new and emerging local musical talent.

The Bristol Music Show is one of BCfm's longest-running shows, having been on air for over two years.

The show is presented by Steve Parkhouse of Jelli Records (pictured above left), ably assisted by Bashema & Beth (the lat-

ter, according to Steve, who was raw talent plucked from the radio station car park). The weekly programme features all local music & live sessions.

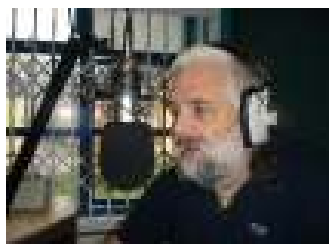
October sessions will feature Paul Garry, Emily Teague, Howlin Lord, and Poppy & friends.

Further ahead, on Saturday December 12th, the Bristol Music Show in as-

sociation with Jelli Records will present a Bristol Music Showcase at St George's, Bristol. Check out their website for more details:

www.stgeorgesbristol.co.uk

Co-presenter Bashema's recently released CD, 'Writer's Block', has received much local praise and airplay on BCfm as well as BBC Radio.



Join Jon Wisbey (above) for Bristol's best rock show, every Sunday night at 10pm.

More Rock highlights for October

This month BCfms's longest running programme features **The Gutterbrothers**, **The Mudheads** and **Magnum**.

The Gutterbrothers - the much lauded 'saviours of skiffle' - will be in town for a rare UK show, and Bristol boys **The Mudheads** are support-

ing. Hear an exclusive feature on both bands with a live phone hook up with **The Gutter Brothers** themselves. Veteran UK prog metalheads **Magnum** are touring to celebrate 35 years of great music.

With their new album 'Into The Valley of The Moonking' being lauded as their strongest in 25 years, they are leading the

revival in the UK prog rock scene. We have a whole 2-hour show dedicated to **Magnum** and their legacy.

As ever **The Rock Show** features all the latest hottest underground rock, punk and metal classic cuts and cult obscurities.

Sam's Songwriter Showcase

Sam wants to hear from you!

If you'd like to recommend someone for the show or have any comments you can contact Samantha as follows; www.samanthamarais.com

www.myspace.com/samanthamarais

[Facebook](#)

[Youtube](#)

[Twitter](http://twitter.com/singersam) (<http://twitter.com/singersam>)

BCfm welcomes Samantha Marais - a South African born singer/songwriter whose critically acclaimed album 'The Peppermint Conspiracy' was released last year on Butterfly Records. She has just finished recording her next album, 'At My Door'.

Songwriter's Hour is a fortnightly show where Samantha interviews musicians who are based, or playing in, Bristol. They discuss and play both the guest's music and the music that influenced them, as well as hav-

ing live sessions.

Samantha's first guest was Jane Taylor on September 25th, and Benjamin Folke Thomas will be her next on October 9th. Ben is from Sweden, currently living in London and will be supporting Samantha and her band on October 15th at the Golden Lion on Gloucester Road, Bristol (starting 8pm). For a preview of Ben and his music visit his Myspace page (www.myspace.com/benjaminthomas1). For more gig info visit the Golden Lion Facebook page.

Other artists due to appear are Hey Negrita, Phil King, Katie Brookes, Sheila Chandra, Diana Johnston plus many more.

You can hear the Songwriter's Hour podcast via Samantha's presenter page on the BCfm website.



On the news trail with Tony Gosling

We've now had all four Bristol MPs on our Friday Drivetime current affairs show bar Dawn Primarolo who is proving a bit shy.

We tried to get her to bare all during the summer recess but no luck so far ... could it be she's lost interest in her constituents now she's a government minister, even though she's still not quite made it into the cabinet, or is it just that she has too safe a seat?

In the wake of the Al Megrahi affair we also noted that Dawn took a mystery trip to Libya in November 2008. As an ex treasury minister could she have been helping arrange trade deals and the alleged Lockerbie bomber's release by any chance? All will be made clear when she puts in an appearance on a forthcoming Friday Drivetime.

We had some rare English language Somali broadcasting from Muktar Abdi and Abdi Mohammed from the recently fire-bombed offices of the *Somali Voice* newspaper. Their

monthly bi-lingual newspaper is back up and running again.

The deputy editor and one of the writers came into the studio on Friday 11th September to explain for us all the recent tragic history of outside intervention in Somalia ... and how the Islamic Courts Union which brought peace to their country in 2006 was defeated by the Ethiopians who were helped by the United States and Britain. We also heard how their country is being used as a political pawn by Western powers such as its strategic importance in the Middle East.

Another item we've been covering is the mysterious demise of a medieval pipe known as St John's Conduit. This brings fresh water through tunnels under the pavement into a standpipe by St John's Church in Nelson Street from a spring on Brandon Hill. Following the 2008 Frogmore Street sewage works by Wessex Water the conduit has run dry for the first time in 700 years.

Initially denying any knowledge of their legal responsibility to maintain this medieval feature, Bristol City Council have finally admitted they do have a duty to look after it but don't have the money to find out what's gone wrong.

The conduit supplied thousands of Bristolians with fresh water when the mains were out throughout the blitz of World War Two, so it seems that a bit of Bristol's history that Adolf Hitler couldn't thwart has been knobbed by somebody much closer to home.

Don't forget that you can hear about these issues via podcasts from Tony Gosling's presenter page



Listen to Tony Gosling (above) every Friday between 5-6pm.

MP Stephen Williams



Joanne's (half) marathon effort

I don't mean to whinge but..... Having done so much training, spent sleepless nights wishing I hadn't put myself up for sponsorship which meant I couldn't really pull out, I have to say I was incredibly disappointed, after spending 13.1miles encouraging myself to keep going, don't stop, keep running, telling myself it won't be long before I get my goodie bag and ravish the much anticipated chocolate bar.....oh my

gosh, only to find there was no chocolate in sight.

This isn't a trivial matter. I can't exert that much energy and spend 2hours (okay, 2hours 8minutes!) thinking about how much I would have deserved the chocolate bar to find weird healthy food with oats and nuts. The support from everyone that sponsored me and cheered me on along the way was really great. It was great to see my greyhound Brin on

various points around the race. Needless to say he got to the finishing line before me.

You helped to raise £230 which I was really chuffed about. Ralph Murphy from One World Schools wants to say a very big thank you and to let you know that £1,500 has already been raised.

Joanne



Joanne after the Bristol Half Marathon with a member of her support team.



Images from BCfm's recent Ramadhan programming.



October Programmes on Bcfm

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
09:00	Music Playlist						Let the Bible Speak
10:00						Billy	BCfm on the BBC
11:00						Billy	Latin Window
12:00	Behind the Headlines	Bristol Music Show Steve Parkhouse	Wks 1,3 &5 Sarah Williams Wk 2: Mervyn Spotlight Wk 4: Perry History Show	Hillary Banks	Community Show: Alec Milne	Ryan	Natalia
13:00			Mark LeLeivre	Cyrus		Mark LeLeivre	
14:00	UFO	Maff: Bristol Living				Abdi Daheed	
15:00	Face to Faith: Tom Bigwood	Polly Proctor	3 Geese	Fun & Frolics: Richard Seymour	Terry Clemmet: Radio Recovering		
16:00		Bethany	Ollie	Wks1,3&5 Fin Wks2&4 Hamza & Saf	Wks 1,3&5 Redd & Griff Wks 2&4: Jake	Sudanese Show: Mohamed & Mohamed	
17:00	Drivetime: Tom Bigwood	Drivetime: Steve Sa'tan	Drivetime: Jade Pang Yang	Drivetime: Dean & Laura	Tony Gosling		
18:00						Saleha	
19:00	Local Somali Language Broadcast				Nemo	Asian Programme:	Radiowski Live
20:00	Jazz'n' Blues: Michael Clark	Wks 1,3&5 Dan Gough Wk 2: Music Wk 4: The Cube	Arabian Nights: Mohamed & Mohamed	Country Music: Phil Lyons		Mustapha & Zahir	Let the Bible Speak
21:00	Cam Burns Chart Show	Rock'n'Roll Martin Stott	Sam & Ross	Dave Miles	Wks 1,3&5: Sam Marais Wks 2&4: The Big 5	Dialect Pre-Rec	Contemp. Christian Music: Nick Tarleton
22:00	Music Playlist: 22:00 to Midday						Rock Show:
23:00							Jon Wisbey
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Making Waves...

...is the monthly newsletter of Bristol Community fm 93.2. Thanks' to all the contributors in this edition

In addition to our internet site the newsletter is a way of connecting our volunteers and supporters, and sharing with the people of Bristol what we do. The newsletter is designed to reflect the wide variety of people and subjects covered by BCfm.

All contributions are welcome. These should be e-mailed to the station for the attention of **Andrew Parsonage**.

November date for BCfm AGM

BCfm's Annual General Meeting will be on Thursday 12 November at 7pm. More details, including venue, will appear in our November newsletter and on our website.

Many thanks,

Bob Pitt,
Chair, BCfm Ltd

Farewell from Briohny...

My name is Briohny Williams and I have been presenting the show Briohny's Baked Bristol on BCFM since April.

I have now moved to Cardiff to do a Post Grad in Broadcast Journalism, so I unfortunately I have come to the end of an enjoyable run of shows.

I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank BCfm for the chance for me to develop my ideas and bring them to the radio format. I also wanted to remind those that wish to join the station or are currently involved in BCfm of the brilliant work that BCfm offers.

By presenting a show, editing or just helping out with programme ideas, everyone is a volunteer for BCfm and I think sometimes it is easy to forget how much BCfm enables us to do. No where else offers free training and the opportunity to use the radio facilities free of charge. So being part of BCfm should work like a co operative with an equal balance of give and take.

BCfm give us as presenters a lot, so in return we must respect the co operative that we are involved in. BCfm primarily relies on good will to keep the station going and if people aren't aware of this they should be.

So please just think the next time your guest leaves dirty coffee cups everywhere, or you're moaning because you couldn't get the slot that you wanted-at least you're getting one! BCfm is unique and to keep it unique it needs unique people to work with the station and not just for the station. Yes, you may not be paid but surely payment is being able to rant on about your favourite things for an hour and then play your favourite songs?

BCfm is a community radio station so please be part of the BCfm community.

Briohny
(Oh yes, and I will be back!)



Young Mustapha shows the oldies how to spin those discs on Radio Corinne

